

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A mobile care cart apparatus comprising:
a base;
a patient treating accessories on the cart;
a handle pivotally coupled to the cart to pivot
between a stored position and an extended position.

2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the handle
is U-shaped and pivotally coupled at ends of the U-
shape.

3. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the cart
includes a recess and the handle lies in the recess in
the stored position.

4. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the U-
shape is generally in a plane; the handle includes
extensions extending from the ends of the U-shape and
transverse to the plane of the U-shape; and the
extensions pivotally mount the handle to the cart.

5. The apparatus of Claim 1, including a stop
connecting the handle to the cart and limiting the
extended position.

6. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the stop
includes a bracket having a first elongated slot and
a pin riding in the slot.

7. The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the
bracket includes a second slot extending transverse to
the first slot and in which the pin rides to latch the
handle in the extended position.

8. The apparatus of Claim 1, including a latch which latches the handle to the base in the extended position.

9. The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the latch includes a bracket having a first elongated slot and a second slot extending transverse to the first slot and a pin riding in the slots to latch the handle in the extended position when the pin is in the second slot.

10. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein the latch includes a tab extending from the bracket to facilitate lifting of the bracket to move the pin from the second slot to the first slot for releasing the latch.

11. A mobile care cart apparatus comprising:
a base with wheels;
at least one leg pivotally mounted adjacent a first end of the leg to the base;
one of the wheels is mounted on the leg adjacent a second end of the leg; and
a driver coupled to the leg and maintaining the leg in a first position.

12. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the driver includes a spring biasing the leg to the first position.

13. The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein the driver includes linkage connecting the spring and leg.

14. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the leg includes a shaft pivotally mounted to the base and the driver is coupled to the shaft, the base includes a housing, and the driver is in the housing.

15. The apparatus of Claim 14, including a first latch for coupling the cart to a hospital bed and patient treating accessories on the cart.

16. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the at least one leg includes a pair of back legs pivotally mounted adjacent a back of the base at the first ends and having a wheel mounted at the second ends of the back legs, a driver for each of the back legs, and a pair of front legs mounted adjacent a front of the base at first ends of the front legs and having a wheel mounted at second ends of the front legs.

17. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the first position extends backwards from the back of the base and the leg is capable of a second position substantially coplanar with the back of the base.

18. A patient treating apparatus for a hospital room comprising:

- a power column having electrical outlets, fluid ports and other patient treating accessories;

- the power column having upper and lower separable sections;

- an arm pivotally mounting the upper section to the room;

- the lower section including a movable base with wheels; and

patient treating accessories on the lower section;

the lower section providing patient treatment when the bed and the lower section are moved relative to the upper section.

19. The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the upper section includes a recess in which at least a portion of the lower section nests.

20. The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the lower section includes a latch for coupling the lower section to a hospital bed and the lower section moves with the upper section independent of the bed when the latch does not couple the lower section to the bed.

21. The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein electrical outlets and fluid ports in the upper section are connected to sources in the room, and electrical outlets and fluid ports in the lower section are connected to sources on the base.

22. The apparatus of Claim 18, including a latch connecting the upper and lower sections.

23. The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the latch includes an over center locking linkage.

24. The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the first and second sections are press-fit together.

25. The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the lower section includes a latch for coupling the lower

section to a hospital bed, and the first and second sections separate when the lower section is coupled by the latch to the bed and moves with the bed relative to the upper section to overcome the press-fit.

26. The apparatus of Claim 18, wherein the lower section includes a recess in which a portion of the upper section nests.

27. A mobile care cart apparatus having a base with wheels, a support movably coupled to the cart between an elevated and a lowered position and patient treating accessories on the cart; and

wherein the support includes a port to be connected to one of the patient treating accessories movable with the support, and a line connecting the port to a source on the cart.

28. The apparatus of Claim 27, including a take-up spool on the cart and engaging the line to change the length of the line with movement of the support.

29. The apparatus of Claim 28, including a drive coupling the movement of the support to the spool.

30. The apparatus of Claim 27, including a take-up spool on the support and engaging the line to change the length of the line with movement of the support.

31. The apparatus of Claim 30, including a drive coupling the movement of the support to the spool.

32. The apparatus of Claim 27, wherein the line is an electrical cord connected to a battery on the cart.

33. The apparatus of Claim 27, wherein the line is an tube connected to a fluid source on the cart.